

House Resolution 905

By: Representatives Carter of the 159th, Bryant of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Mr. Ashley K. Dearing, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ashley K. Dearing, Jr., of Savannah passed away recently at the age of 84;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, he was born in Atlanta on November 27, 1923, and moved to Savannah in 1936
5 when his father became the owner of Dearing Chevrolet Company; he was an athletic lad
6 until he was stricken with polio at age 16 which left him using leg braces and crutches and,
7 in later years, a wheelchair; and

8 WHEREAS, he never allowed his handicap to stand in the way of accomplishment, living
9 a full and successful life, and he and his wife, Angela, raised two sons, A. Kennon Dearing
10 III and Stephen C. Dearing, and his legacy includes three grandchildren, Sarah, Matthew, and
11 Daniel; and

12 WHEREAS, he gave tremendous time and devotion to making the world a better place,
13 especially dedicated to youth, and he was a past president and honorary life member of the
14 Savannah YMCA, served for many years on the Boy Scout Savannah Advisory Council, and
15 since 1954 gave the annual Ashley Dearing Award to Savannah's most versatile high school
16 athlete and since 1955 the Dearing Cup to the Armstrong Atlantic College basketball player
17 with the best free throw percentage; and

18 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame as an
19 honorary member in recognition of his support for university athletics, and he was also
20 inducted into the Armstrong College Athletic Hall of Fame for his support for college
21 athletics; and

22 WHEREAS, he was heavily involved in civic affairs and worked tirelessly for the betterment
23 of his community, and he has left many friends and admirers who will miss him deeply for
24 his gentler humanity.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body express regret at the passing of Mr. Ashley K. Dearing, Jr.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ashley
29 K. Dearing, Jr.